

Amendment to the Claims:

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8/12/06 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An injectable composition suitable for tissue bulking in a mammal, said composition comprising:

(a) biocompatible, swellable, hydrophilic, non-toxic and substantially spherical microspheres, wherein the microspheres comprise a high water absorbing polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, acrylamide polymers, vinyl alcohol polymers, acrylate polymers, ~~sodium acrylate polymers~~, copolymers thereof, and combinations thereof, and

(b) a biocompatible carrier,

wherein said composition is injectable through needles of about 18 to 26 gauge, and wherein said microspheres swell to a predetermined size after injection within the non-dermal tissue of said mammal.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises the microspheres in an amount from about 10% to about 90% by weight and the biocompatible carrier in an amount from about 10% to about 90% by weight.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises the microspheres in an amount from about 10% to about 50% by weight and the biocompatible carrier in an amount from about 50% to about 90% by weight.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is a suspension of said microspheres in said biocompatible carrier.

5. (Canceled).